

Congregational Church in Providence, RI, with thoughtful, dedicated, and selfless leadership.

I have been blessed to experience Reverend Spencer's inspiring stewardship firsthand. As a member of the Central Congregational Church for the years that I lived in Providence, I saw her regularly touch the lives of her parishioners by providing the spiritual guidance sought by so many in today's fast-paced and sometimes lonely world. And as the first woman in the United Church of Christ's history to become a senior minister without first serving as an associate of the congregation, Reverend Spencer has been a role model for the young women of her congregation who aspire to follow in her footsteps and one day take on leadership roles of their own.

Outside of church, Reverend Spencer has been a leader in Rhode Island's close-knit community. From her work to prevent domestic violence, to her service to our children through the United Way of Rhode Island, to the counsel she provides the Bioethics Committee at Women & Infants Hospital, Reverend Spencer has demonstrated a deep devotion to public service. Her contributions have made our State a better place for all.

Last year, I had the privilege of bringing Reverend Spencer to the Senate floor to deliver the opening prayer as a guest chaplain. Her invocation reminded each of us, particularly those us of elected to represent our fellow citizens, of our responsibility as members of the national and international community:

Gracious and loving God, we thank You for Your presence with us. You offer wisdom and perspective and grace. We ask Your blessings to be upon these elected representatives. May all that we do reflect Your purpose that we live together as Your children in harmony and freedom. May Your blessings and our work bring real hope to those who may be struggling or oppressed.

We do ask for Your special blessings to be with those who serve our country in the military—at home, at sea, in the air, and foreign countries. Shield them from danger as they work for peace.

This is indeed a gift of a new day You have given to us. May all our endeavors honor You and may we all serve the cause of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness in this beloved land of ours. May we truly do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with You, our God.

Congratulations to Reverend Spencer on her 25th anniversary at the Central Congregational Church. Rhode Island is proud to call her one of our own, and I am proud to call her a friend.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages

from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2655. An act to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3350. An act to authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current individual health insurance coverage in satisfaction of the minimum essential health insurance coverage requirement, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1848) to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes, and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3080) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following Members as managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Shuster, Duncan of Tennessee, LoBiondo, Graves of Georgia, Mrs. Capito, Mrs. Miller of Michigan, Messrs. Hunter, Bucshon, Gibbs, Hanna, Webster of Florida, Rice of South Carolina, Mullin, Rodney Davis of Illinois, Rahall, DeFazio, Ms. Brown of Florida, Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Mr. Bishop of New York, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Garamendi, Ms. Hahn, Mr. Nolan, Ms. Frankel of Florida, and Mrs. Bustos.

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of sections 103, 115, 144, 146, and 220 of the House bill, and sections 2017, 2027, 2028, 2033, 2051, 3005, 5002, 5003, 5005, 5007, 5012, 5018, 5020, title XII, and section 13002 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Hastings of Washington, Bishop of Utah, and Mrs. Napolitano.

The message also announced that the Speaker removes the gentleman from Georgia, Mr. Graves, as a conferee and appoints the gentleman from Missouri,

Mr. Graves, to fill the vacancy thereon to the bill (H.R. 3080) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2655. An act to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3558. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Early Warning Reporting, Foreign Defect Reporting, and Motor Vehicle and Equipment Recall Regulations" (RIN2127-AK72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3559. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Ejection Mitigation" (RIN2127-AL40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3560. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments To Implement Certain Provisions of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)" (RIN2126-AB60) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3561. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Penalty Guidelines" (RIN2137-AF02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3562. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Enhanced Enforcement Procedures—Resumption of Transportation" (RIN2137-AE98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3563. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of